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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-16 (canceled)

Claim 17 (previously presented): An electrical connector assembly comprising:

an elongated insulative housing defining a mating face with opposite top and bottom faces by two vertical sides thereof, a mating opening being formed in said mating face and defining a mating direction thereof;

a one-piece metallic shell including spaced opposite top and bottom walls at least partially covering said top and bottom faces, respectively;

a pair of connection portions located on said mating face by two sides of said mating opening; and

a pair of side plates respectively extending from the corresponding connection portions; wherein

each of said side plates defines a locking structure thereon,

wherein said shell forms two opposite end portions at two opposite lengthwise ends thereof, said end portions protectively covering the corresponding side plates in a lengthwise direction, respectively;

wherein a passage is formed between each of said end portions and the corresponding side plate so as to receive therein a guiding post and a moveable latch of a complementary connector;

wherein said latch defines thereon another locking structure latchably

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engageable with said locking structure.

Claims 18-20 (canceled)